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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

E.O. 12065: GDS 2/23/87 (HEWITT, ASHLEY C) OR-P  
TAGS: SP, PINS, PGOV  
SUBJECT: SITREP- INCIDENT AT THE CORTES

1. EMBOFF IN VICINITY OF CORTES REPORTS A STANDOFF BETWEEN 200-300 GUARDIA CIVIL INSIDE HOLDING MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT AND GOVERNMENT, AND FORCES OUTSIDE CONSISTING OF LOYAL GUARDIA CIVIL AND NATIONAL POLICE.
2. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE KING, THE UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES ARE MEETING IN PERMANENT SESSION AT THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR. THEY ARE, IN EFFECT, THE GOVERNMENT. AT THE SAME TIME THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ANNOUNCED THAT NECESSARY MEASURES WERE BEING TAKEN TO RESTORE ORDER.
3. A SOURCE OF UNEVEN RELIABILITY BUT GOOD MILITARY CONTACTS INFORMS US THAT HE HAS SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE WITH THE CAPTAINS GENERAL OF THE CANARIES AND EXTREMADURA AS WELL AS SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS, AND THAT ALL CAPTAINS GENERAL ARE

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RESPONDING TO THE ORDERS OF GENERAL ALFARO AND THE GENERAL STAFF WHO, IN TURN, ARE ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE KING. HE SAYS THE LOYALTY OF THE ARMED FORCES TO THE KING IS ABSOLUTE.

4. CONTACT IN GUARDIA CIVIL HIGH COMMAND SADLY CONFIRMED THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT ARE IN FACT FROM THE GUARDIA, BUT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT THUS FAR WITH THEM. HENCE THEIR AIMS, OBJECTIVES, ETC., ARE STILL UNKNOWN. HE DID NOT THINK ANYONE HAD BEEN INJURED IN THE SHOOTING IN THE CORTES. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GUARDIA, GENERAL ARAMBURU, IS AT THE

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CORTES AND IS ATTEMPTING TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE SITUATION.

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5. VARIOUS SOURCES REPORT THAT INSTALLATIONS OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT RADIO/TV WAS EARLIER TAKEN OVER BY A GUARDIA CIVIL COMMANDO, WHO WERE THEN EJECTED AT ABOUT 2000 GMT BY THE ARMY. IN ANY EVENT TELECASTS CONTINUE AND THE FACILITY CARRIED JCS STATEMENT. NEWS ON RADIO CONTINUES TO BE BROADCAST.

6. EMBOFFS AT THE SCENE REPORT THAT SEVERAL BUSLOADS OF SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL (PRESUMABLY THE GRUPO DE OPERACIONES ESPECIALES (GEO) OF THE ARMED FORCES) HAVE ARRIVED CARRYING AUTOMATIC AND HEAVY WEAPONS. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT WEARING HELMETS OR FLAK JACKETS.

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